

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 42 - SB 100

March 6, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Declares that any federal law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order implemented or executed on or after January 1, 2013, shall be unenforceable in Tennessee if such law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order attempts to ban or restrict ownership of a semi-automatic firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition or require any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition be registered in any manner.

Prohibits any public employee, official, or firearm dealer in Tennessee from enforcing or attempting to enforce any such federal law. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for any agent or employee of the United States government who enforces such federal law. Requires the Attorney General to defend any citizen of Tennessee who is prosecuted by the United States government for a violation of any such federal law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The bill would result in an impact to the Attorney General for defending Tennessee citizens prosecuted by the United States government for violations of federal firearm laws. The total impact cannot reasonably be determined because there are too many unknown factors, such as the number of prosecutions and the length of such prosecutions. It is assumed that the cost of each prosecution will exceed \$5,000.

Assumptions:

- According to the Attorney General and Reporter, the bill would impact the office, but the total impact cannot be reasonably determined because the number of prosecutions the Attorney General would have to defend cannot be known.
- It is assumed that each prosecution will result in expenditures that exceed \$5,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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